

Church of Saint Lawrence

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evenings at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 9:00 a.m.
Wed., at 7:30 p.m. & Fri. at 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday evenings from 6-9 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday evening at 7:10 p.m.

St. Lawrence Men's Club

Meets on the second Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Altar & Rosary Society

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Lay Carmelite Community

of St. Teresa of Jesus of Los Andes

Meets First Saturday of each month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Parish Registration

We welcome all new members to our Parish family. Please register when you move into the parish. Please notify us if you are moving.

Weddings

Couples are asked to contact the Rectory and make arrangements at least six months prior to their intended wedding date. They are required to attend Pre-Cana sessions.

Catholic Elementary School

Children may attend Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist School, Ottsville; for further information call: 610-847-5523.

Parish CCD Classes

Parish children attending public or private school, may receive Catholic Faith instructions on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall from October to May. Registration is published in the Parish Bulletin.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2015

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.
- Jeremiah 23:5a



Saturday, July 18th

Sunday Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM:

Sunday, July 19th

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM:

10AM: Living & deceased members of Saint Lawrence Parish

Monday, July 20th

Weekday/ Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

9AM:

Tuesday, July 21st

Weekday/ Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9AM:

Wednesday, July 22nd

Saint Mary Magdalene

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6-7:30PM

7:30PM:



Thursday, July 23rd

Weekday/ Saint Bridget, Religious

9AM:

Friday, July 24th

Weekday/ Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

6:30PM:

Saturday, July 25th

Saint James, Apostle

9AM:

Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM: Frank & Helen Leopold by Peggy Wagner

Flower Donations:

Main Altar: Living & deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish

Collections:

July 12th: \$2,398.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$117.00

CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When Catholicism encounters a culture, it tends to approach the culture with a measure of respect for its key customs, especially those touching family life. Around the world, these long-established customs are often received into the liturgy, sometimes with a new level of interpretation. From Old Mexico, the custom of the *lasso* ("cord") has migrated across borders, and is now firmly established in the marriage liturgy of Spanish-speaking Catholics in the United States. It's a large cord, sometimes resembling rosary beads, looped around the necks of the newlyweds in a figure-eight shape. It is a great honor for a person, normally a godparent or close relative, to place the *lasso* around the shoulders of the couple, groom first. The *lasso*, a symbol of profound unity, remains in place throughout the liturgy until removed, usually by the priest. The bride keeps the *lasso* as a memento of the day, a sign of her ties of love to her husband in heart and home. The tender ministry of the godparent in this ceremony clearly links this sacrament of vocation with baptism. It's not unusual to see the *lasso* made of fragrant orange blossoms, harking back to very ancient pre-Christian rituals seeking the blessings of fertility and happiness.

—Rev. James Field

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

As Catholics we are called to do whatever we can to ensure that all people have the opportunity to live in conditions worthy of human beings. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops sponsors an annual collection to support the Church's efforts to reduce poverty through the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. If you were not here, forgot or were not prepared to make your donation last weekend, we are still taking donations this weekend. Your donations will support anti-poverty projects in communities across the country and right here in our own region. To learn more, visit the USCCB website: www.povertyusa.org. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you for your response to this appeal.

Riegelsville Fire Company—American Blood Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 from 2-7PM. Appointments are preferred but not necessary. For an appointment, contact Lori Campbell: merpat29@aol.com or sign up at redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: Riegelsville. All presenting donors will receive a \$2.50 coupon off the purchase of a Turkey Hill All Natural Gelato! Blood is especially needed this time of the year; please schedule your donation today.

Firehouse Breakfast: Sunday, July 19th from 8am-12noon. Order by menu.

ADULT CHOIR INFORMATION

We have a good group of singers, but there is always room for more adults in our newly forming choir. It would be so nice to have our choir loft filled with singers.

Rehearsal time has changed to 9am. We will rehearse between the two Sunday Morning Masses, so you can come at 9am for practice, attend 10am Mass, and have the rest of the beautiful Summer days to do other things. Join us now!

Oremus Communications

Now that we have entered the hot months of July and August, we are ever mindful of all the things we need to pray for. Just turn on the TV and we are constantly confronted with a multitude of things worthy of serious prayer. Yet, we take confidence in Our Lord's words: "Ask and You Shall Receive". So we pray the Rosary each day with hope and trust that Our Lord and Blessed Mother will respond accordingly to all our petitions, regardless of their number. Please join the OC Family Rosary Program at: oremuscomms.com each day as we present live-stream recitations of the Holy Rosary (Mon-Sat at 12:15PM-EST and Sundays at 2PM), and together we can make a spiritual difference!

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Lectors for:

07/25 5PM: Jane Burger

07/26 8AM: Bernie Boylan

10AM: Ells Cheeseman

Altar Servers for:

07/25 5PM: Gregory Derr-Haverlach & Francis Reinhart

07/26 8AM: Anna Holmgaard

10AM: Conor, Darafin and Shane Twomey

Extraordinary Ministers:

07/25 5PM: Ann Funkhouser & Kathie Weiss

07/26 8AM: Jacqueline Roszkowski & Bernadette Maszczak

10AM: Mary Gambino & Alvin LaBar, OFS

Please Pray for Our Sick and housebound, deceased members, and for an end to abortion and a respect for all life!

Joan, Robin Hults, William Merkle, Jay Johnson, Irene Peiffer, Lori Liskowacki, Cynthia Diaz, special intention, Susan Wires, David Grasso, Adrian Steinberg, Joseph Jones, Mary Jane Bernat, Gus Trincheria, Ann Nanni, Keith Marks, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Daniel Steinberg, Jack Latorre, Joann Thaler, Amy Hessenthaler, Calvin, Wilson & Frank Ryan, Eva Zelle, Roger Brahler, Gavin (age 3), Jennie Aquilino, Bill Miller, Caitlin, Steven Fusco, Charles More, Jeff & Bonnie, Baby Matthew Royer, Rose Romeo, baby Ely, Max Ours, Father Breen, Paul Beach, Anthony Bonnanno, Barbara and Ells Cheeseman, Nick Sciss, Summer Heddleston, Maria Steinberg, Elwood Ditmer, Dan Schiavello, Tom Peterson, Special intention, Carol Stahley, Maria King, Irene & Al Breiner.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lorraine Echevarria.

The Notre Dame Summer Theatre is delighted to present "**Jekyll and Hyde: The Musical**" in our air-conditioned auditorium at Notre Dame High School on July 24, 25, 31 and August 1st at 7:30PM and July 26 & August 2 at 2PM. **Tickets are on sale now!** Adults \$18; students and seniors 65+ \$15.

Purchases and information: email

Notredamesummer@gmail.com or telephone 610-252-1067. Chills, thrills and an unforgettable love story, all set to an electrifying musical score. NDHS, 3417 Church Road, Easton, PA (near junction of Route 33 & William Penn Highway).

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. It is not just a social gathering or seminars but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. The next program begins August 7-9 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

Go to their website: **PriestsForLife.org** to read about the breaking story of criminal activity in the abortion industry. This information can do a great deal of damage to the abortion industry and its attempt to position itself as a credible aspect of American life.